
PRELIMINARY DRAFT
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Citations Affected: IC 5-10-10-4.7.

Synopsis: Public safety chaplain death benefit. Adds certain requirements for a chaplain to qualify for a special death benefit. Provides that chaplains appointed or designated prior to July 1, 2009, are not subject to the additional requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2009.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 5-10-10-4.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.115-2008, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4.7. (a) As used in this section, "eligible chaplain" means:

(1) for a chaplain appointed or officially designated before July 1, 2009, an individual who is appointed or officially designated to serve, with or without compensation, as a chaplain of any of the following:

~~(1)~~ **(A)** A law enforcement agency (as defined in IC 4-33-2-11.6).

~~(2)~~ **(B)** A full-time police department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

~~(3)~~ **(C)** A full-time fire department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

~~(4)~~ **(D)** A volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2).

~~(5)~~ **(E)** A sheriff's department of a county.

(2) for a chaplain appointed or officially designated after June 30, 2009, an individual who:

(A) is appointed or officially designated to serve by the police chief, fire chief, or sheriff, with or without compensation as a chaplain of a:

(i) law enforcement agency (as defined in IC 4-33-2-11.6);

(ii) full-time police department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);

(iii) full-time fire department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);

(iv) volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2); or

(v) sheriff's department of a county;



- 1 **(B) is certified and in good standing with an ecclesiastical**
2 **body or religious society;**
3 **(C) is endorsed by an ecclesiastical body or religious**
4 **society to perform the duties of a chaplain for a law**
5 **enforcement agency or fire department; and**
6 **(D) has at least five (5) years experience in pastoral**
7 **ministry.**
8 (b) An eligible chaplain who dies as a direct result of personal
9 injury or illness resulting from the eligible chaplain's performance of
10 duties as a chaplain for the agency or department that the eligible
11 chaplain was appointed or officially designated to serve is eligible for
12 a special death benefit from the fund in the same manner as any other
13 public safety officer is eligible for a benefit from the fund.

